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BAIT

If you're a fan of fishing, Missouri's the state for you! More than 24 kinds of game fish swim in the Show-Me State's ponds, lakes and rivers. Most will bite on a variety of baits, but some lures work better than others for specific fish. Test your angling IQ by drawing a line from the fish to the lure that's best used to catch it. Read the clues for help.

LARGEMOUTH BASS

Little fish wig out when I stick out my big mouth to pig out.



BLUEGILL

Bait must wriggle and squirm to make me turn.



SMALLMOUTH BASS

Crawdada claws don't cramp my craw. I can munch mudbugs all day.



WHITE CRAPPIE

Because it's dark down deep where I creep, a bright lure is the right lure for me.



CHANNEL CATFISH

Dirt gives a murk to the water where I lurk, so I prefer bait I can smell.



RAINBOW TROUT

Flies don't bug me. In fact, I love 'em—for lunch.



Want to see how you rate at matching the fish to its bait? We'll illustrate. Just relocate to www.xplormo.org/node/13898.